

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2003. Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. Claims 1-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coryea et al. in view of King et al.

Each of the rejections from the Office Action of October 7, 2003 is discussed below in connection with the various claims. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amended claims and the following remarks.

I. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coryea et al. in view of King et al. The Office Action lacks enough information as to the specific nature of the rejection, particularly with regard to the dependent claims.

After indicating that the rejection is under 35 U.S.C 103, the examiner should set forth in the Office Action:

(A) the relevant teachings of the prior art relied upon, preferably with reference to the relevant column or page number(s) and line number(s) where appropriate,

(B) the difference or differences in the claim over the applied reference(s),

(C) the proposed modification of the applied references(s) necessary to arrive at the claimed subject matter, and

(D) an explanation why one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have been motivated to make the proposed modification.

MPEP 706.02(j).

To the extent that the rejections are understood, however, neither King et al nor Coryea et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least a “graphic user being operative to display scalable alphanumeric and graphical objects” as is claimed in claim 1 or a “graphic user interface operative to display scalable alphanumeric objects” as is claimed in claim 23. Coryea et al. completely lacks disclosure or suggestion of such an interface and King et al. merely describes the display of waveforms (*See* Fig 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D) and other

forms of graphical data like analog dials as it was known to be easier to read analog gauge instead of in an alphanumeric format (*See* Col 1, line 39-49). Nowhere in King et al. and Coryea et al., alone or in combination, is it disclosed or suggested that the alphanumeric characters are scalable. For at least this reason, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1 and 23 be withdrawn

Moreover, neither Coryea et al. nor King et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest a “meter cover further operative to be sealed to prevent removal of said meter cover and indicate tampering with said revenue meter,” as recited by the amended claims. For at least this additional reason, Applicants request that the rejection of claims 1 and 23 be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims 2-22 and 24-33 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coryea et al. in view of King et al. Dependent claims 2-22 and 24-33 should be allowed for at least the reasons set out above for the independent claims. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of these claims.

Moreover, additional features of these dependent claims also distinguish over the cited references. For example, none of the cited references discloses: wherein said context adaptable input device comprises a mouse, as is claimed in claim 4, wherein said context adaptable input device comprises a track ball, as is claimed in claim 5, wherein said context adaptable input device comprises a light pen, as is claimed in claim 6, wherein said context adaptable input device comprises a joystick, as is claimed in claim 8, wherein said context adaptable input device comprises a dial, as is claimed in claim 9.

Further examples of claims that none of cited references disclose or suggest include: a compression plate operative to compress said keypad to said meter cover, to provide a water tight seal, as is claimed in claim 13 and 28, wherein said compression plate includes a locating portion operative to align said keypad to at least one intermediate actuator, said immediate actuator operative to mechanically connect said keypad with said graphic user interface of the revenue meter, as is claimed in claim 14 and 27.

Further examples of claims that none of cited references disclose or suggest include: wherein the revenue meter is programmed to scroll through a series of preset displays and wherein a user may use said context adaptable input device to interrupt said scrolling, as claimed in claim 15, wherein said revenue meter is programmed such that said user can scroll

through one or more previously displayed screens in the revenue meter using said context adaptable input device, as is claimed in claim 16, wherein said meter cover includes alignment means for aligning said context adaptable input device to said intermediate actuators, as is claimed in claim 18, wherein said alignment means comprises a compression plate with a locating portion, as is claimed in claim 19.

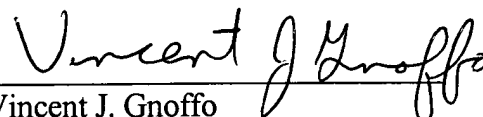
Further examples of claims that none of cited references disclose or suggest include: bayonet terminals disposed on the revenue meter mateable with matching jaws of a detachable meter mounting device and a seal connected between the revenue meter and said detachable meter mounting device, said seal operative to prevent removal of the revenue meter and indicate tampering with the revenue meter, as is claimed in claim 20 and 29, terminals disposed on a bottom side of the revenue meter for coupling the revenue meter with the electric circuit, a terminal cover for covering said terminals and a first seal connected with said meter cover and operative to prevent removal of said meter cover, as is claimed in claim 21 and 30, a draw-out chassis coupled with the revenue meter and operative to fit within a switchboard enclosure, terminals disposed on said chassis for engaging matching terminals within said enclosure and a seal connected with said meter cover and operative to prevent removal of said meter cover and indicate tampering with the revenue meter, as is claimed in claim 22 and 31, wherein said keypad further includes a web portion which allows a plunger of said keypad to move in a direction generally perpendicular to said keypad, as is claimed in claim 24.

Therefore, the Applicants respectively request that the rejection of Claims 1-33 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Each of the rejections in the Office Action dated October 7, 2003 has been addressed and no new matter has been added. For at least the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

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